

MEMBERS UPDATE DECEMBER 2021

Kia ora. This is our latest Inner City Wellington newsletter.



Founders Day

We hope you were able to come along to our recent annual Founders Day event. Because of the large number of people attending, we were able to move it into St Peter's Church where the speakers, the Rev Stephen King, the Hon Grant Robertson and well-known Wellington architect Chris Moller, provided their perspectives on inner-city living. This was followed by lively debates and networking between many of the attendees.

Here are some links if you missed the event:

- <u>Stephen King introduction</u>
- <u>Chris Moller Contemporary Urban Hilltowns</u> (The Nicholson Memorial Address)

• Click here to go to a recording of the event on our facebook page



King wants to ensure a quality of life for Wellington's inner city residents.

Recent interview

ICW Chair, Stephen King, has also been featured in the news recently.

He was interviewed for Stuff's *Reimagining Wellington* series. "No-one knows central Wellington quite like the Reverend Stephen King" turns out to be true as he shares his knowledge of the inner city, and provides a range of insights into what is needed if we are to 'turn the centre city into a neighbourhood for people.

Read the Stuff interview here



Do you live in an apartment building - or know someone who does? We need your help.

Inner City Wellington is the residents association for Wellington Central

and Te Aro. We already have over 15,000 people living in this small area of the city, with more to come.

We want to be sure we are keeping the people 'in our patch' up-to-date about what's happening in the inner city – for example through the <u>news area on our</u> <u>website</u> and our <u>Facebook page</u>, providing information about <u>upcoming inner-</u> <u>city events and community activities</u>, and sharing <u>updates</u> about some the future plans that will shape this area.

One of our goals is to build up a contact list of people in the over 125 apartment buildings located in 'our patch'. We think many of them may have communication networks to help keep their residents informed – for example channels such as via their body corporate committee, or a residents group or perhaps a Facebook page or website.

We would love for them to know about ICW and for them to pass on our news and information to their residents. We would also love to receive feedback from people living in apartment buildings about any issue or ideas they have.

Could you help us by letting us know if you are living in, or know of, someone who could be a contact for us in an apartment building in our patch. If so, please let us know.

We would like to know what you think about the Draft District Plan?



A full review of the Wellington District Plan is underway. The current Plan came into operation in 2000 and has had 83 subsequent changes, so it's no longer fit for purpose.

Should you care about a district plan?

We say a definite – Yes.

The District Plan impacts on nearly everything you do across Wellington – and how you do it.

For example, the Plan talks about inner city Wellington having 18,000 more people living in it over the next 30 years - you might want to think about what community facilities and green space they will need to make it a pleasant place to live.

So, check it out <u>here</u> to make sure you have a say.

A quick ICW survey:

As your residents' association, we are very interested in your thoughts about the draft District Plan – for example, how you feel about its impact on our innercity, and any ideas or concerns you may have about it.

To help us collate your view, please complete <u>this quick survey</u> in which we ask you about your thoughts, comments and hopes about the Plan, and also about:

- your thoughts or major concerns, if any, that you about have the innercity?
- your thoughts about the useable green space that is needed in the city
- your thoughts about the Council's 'Design Guidelines' that aim to ensure sustainable living environments will be developed.

To encourage you to fill in the survey, one lucky person will receive a \$50.00 prezzie card.

If you prefer you can email us your thoughts: <u>innercitywellington@gmail.com</u>



Invitation from WREMO to attend a Business Continuity Planning workshop

Nau mai, haere mai! How does your business plan for the unexpected stand up?

If you're a small to medium business, we have just the workshop for you! Over the next few weeks will we be hosting free, online business continuity planning workshops.

During the workshop you will learn about the basics of business continuity planning and start to create a plan that meets your needs. Or if you know another CBD business that could benefit from this workshop, please share this with them.

Workshop dates:

- Thursday 2 December: 7PM-8:40PM
- More dates to come based on demand!

Registrations can be done here.

Resources available for businesses:

Our simple guide to business continuity planning can help you create your plan.

Join ICW

ICW is a voluntary organisation. You can help us with our work by joining ICW for a small annual fee (Membership is \$26 for residents, residential property owners, and nonprofit/community groups and \$52 for an organisation, business, or commercial property owners). Here's the sign-up form.

Existing members

If you are already a member, we'll be sending out the 2022 subscriptions on your renewal date. If you have any queries about your subscription, or have changed your contact details, please email us at: financeinnercitywellington@gmail.com

Contact us

We want to hear from you. We welcome your queries, feedback, comments or concerns.

We'd also love to hear about anything you think we should add to our website – for example this could be important issues you think we should feature, or perhaps you know about some interesting inner-city people, organisations and stories for us to share in 'Our Patch'.

Let us know. Email us at: innercitywellington@gmail.com

Ngā mihi The ICW Team